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# **CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP** **INTELLIGENCE REPORT**

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SUBJECT Activities of the Metal Syndicate in Spain

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1. The entire metallurgical industry in Spain is controlled by the official organization DOMIS (Delegacion Oficial del Estado en las Industrias Siderurgicas - Official Delegation of the State in the Siderurgical Industries) which is located at 13 Avenida General Mola, Madrid. Lt. Colonel of Artillery, Amador Villar acts as official delegate of the State in this organization and is very active in the black market of metals. He is assisted by the Secretary General of DOMIS, Lt. Colonel Calderon. Major of Artillery Ojeda is a subdelegate of DOMIS.
2. In carrying on their black market activities, these individuals use another official organization called Las Centrales Siderurgicas Filiales (The Affiliated Siderurgical Centrals) which is attached to DOMIS as an intermediary. These centrals, created at first to represent all classes of metal production, are in charge of the distribution of the quotas of metal assigned arbitrarily by the above-mentioned military man. The metal syndicate belongs to this organization. COMEIN (Consejo de Minerales Especiales de Interes Militar - Council of Special Minerals of Military Interest), located at 10 Calle de Alcalá Galiano, Madrid, and INI (Instituto Nacional de Industria y Comercio - National Institute of Industry and Commerce) are also used as intermediaries in black market activities.
3. In addition to Lt. Colonel Villar, the following persons are employed in the metal syndicate:  
 Jaime Roset Cruz, chief of a branch connected with iron manufacture, who as a result of his questionable activities in the syndicate has made a great deal of money, at the present time is one of the largest shareholders in the Somier Numancia company in Madrid. Under the protection of Roset, this company can work at full speed because it receives the quotas assigned with priority.  
 Lt. Colonel of Artillery, Joaquin Bernad Fernandez, chief of the economic section of the syndicate, which classifies and designates the products and prices.  
 Lt. Colonel of Artillery, Luis Barron del Real, an engineer, who reportedly pays frequent visits to Bilbao. In the quota-distribution department it is said that he is a Mason and is obstructing the progress of the metal syndicate. According to source, a report is being prepared by Miguel Perez Fuentes, a rabid Falangist of Bilbao, which is to be presented directly to Franco showing the negative work of Barron del Real.

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25X1X6 Martin Arrue Ariazaran, at present the acting chief of the metal syndicate replacing Mariano Cancer Gomez, an engineer, who was formerly chief of the syndicate. Arrue, according to [REDACTED] is a rabid Falangist and has been known to conceal many Germans. Among the Germans he reportedly is concealing at the present time are Hans Preger, Luis Kieffer and Ervin Seeger, all officials of the Spanish branch of the German Osram firm.

Moya, an industrial engineer, departmental chief in the automobile branch.

Cabello, an engineer.

4. In regard to the black market of metals, the members of the syndicate use their important positions to favor the large enterprises to the detriment of the small industries, by voiding or delaying the deliveries of metal quotas.

- 25X1X6 5. [REDACTED] states that one of the irregular activities carried on by the metal syndicate is that of communicating first to the propaganda department of the Bulletin of the National Metal Syndicate the fact that a certain industrialist has been allotted a quota of metals. The publicity agents of this magazine, which is edited at the expense of and in favor of the syndicate, visit the industrialist to whom the quota has been granted informing him that they are aware of this allotment and advising him to advertise in the bulletin. According to [REDACTED] although the cost of these advertisements for one year amounts to several thousand pesetas, the industrialist can rarely avoid taking space in the bulletin for fear that further delays may result. The bulletin is not an official publication and is maintained solely by the payments received for advertising.

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6. To illustrate the irregular distribution of copper quotas [REDACTED] has chosen, at random, the months of April 1945 and June 1946:

	April 1945		June 1946	
Presidency of the Government	77,399 kilograms		73,286 kilograms	
Ministry of War	179,334	"	252,088	"
Ministry of Air	13,573	"	32,043	"
Ministry of Industry and Commerce	135,972	"	407,769	"
Ministry of the Navy	50,598	"	58,473	"
Ministry of Agriculture	90	"	3,070	"
Ministry of Finance	77	"		
Ministry of Public Works	1,100	"	130,000	"
Ministry of the Interior	8,493	"	25,000	"
Metal Syndicate for the entire Spanish Industry	50,000	"	354	"

- 25X1X6 7. The same situation exists in regard to ferrous or aluminum metals, according to [REDACTED]

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